

1008 Tracy Drive Silver Spring, MD 20904 March 11, 2004 In reply to:

Mr. James Groody
Executive Assistant
Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Dear Mr. Groody,

I am writing in regard to my Patent Application Serial Number 10/626,074. I want to thank you for your expeditious reply to my plea for help in my letter dated 11 February 2004.

My initial filing date in November 1999 makes this request for a patent now four (4) years and four (4) months old, (going on five (5) years). My question is 'how can I do anything to expedite this process?'

As I explained in my letter of 11 February I am going on 77 years old and am seriously thinking that the Patent Office and its examiners are trying to outwait me and my demise!

I would greatly appreciate any assistance you can give me in this seemingly endless process.

Sincerely yours,

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